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EVERY SURGEON in Ireland prays incessantly for home rule.

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DE LANCEY NICOLL has named his assistants; but let us be patient in judgment—they have not yet been convicted.

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MRS. STANLEY is two inches taller than her husband; but Henry says he measures far more as to his waist and fame.

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THE PRIDE with which morality puts its foot on Parnell reminds one of the kick that generally belongs to the fallen man.

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"THE GRANT monument fund," says the Boston *Traveller*, "is not growing now." Dear boy, what is the Grant monument fund?

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GOD MADE both the Indian and the strawberry, and we know that the latter best answers the purpose of its creation when it gives it up.

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AS A SENATOR to which party would Mr. Dana naturally belong, and what would be the probable cause of his effort to club it to death?

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EVERY DAY the grave of Stonewall Jackson is crowned with flowers by some unknown person. Was it a mistake to save this government?

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THERE HAVE been educated pigs, and some breeds of fleas have been taught to be amusing; but the wolf and the Indian are too powerful to be instructed.

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SMITH WEED as a protectionist believes in his ideas; but as a Democrat in search of office he is a free lance with the privilege of stabbing his principles to death.

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IT IS SINGULAR how opposed the Democratic party was to the elections bill when it was the opinion of every member of the party that its passage would bury Republicanism some forty feet deep. Sometimes we suspect the Democratic press of talking for the gratification of its large and beautiful ears.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

RECREANT MCGREGOR—"My stars, Bracer! how'd yer git that way?"

NEVER BRACER—"I'm goin' t' Sandy Walker's funeral. Couldn't 'ford t' put on mournin', so I jest fell inter th' gas-house coal-bin."

THE MODESTY WE LOVE.

NOTHING in the felicitations of the first day of the new year was more pleasurable than were the boasts of the daily newspapers with regard to their triumphs in the old one. We observe that one of these papers is entitled to all the credit that belongs to Dr. Koch's remedy; but another declares that it beat all its contemporaries by the temporary union of the legs of a boy and a dog. Still another congratulates itself over the recovery of the pope from an imaginary sickness; while a more modest journal is content with the premature advent of a new prince to his majesty of Germany. "Aha!" said a journalist of the period anterior to type, "we were the first to give the news of the destruction of Mr. Abel by his brother Cain." "Mark the man's impudence!" exclaimed a rival. "Doubtless the hydra-headed menial would claim the creation were he not acquainted with the well-known historical fact that we were the only newspaper man present by special invitation, and that we saw it from the inchoate space to the first singing of the morning stars."

HOW DEMOCRATS WOULD RUN REPUBLICANISM.

TO THE GENERAL OBSERVER of current political propositions the first impression would be that the Republican party, following Democratic advice, would be wise to abandon the principle of industrial protection and promptly repeal the McKinley bill. That it should also reenforce the new Democratic insanity vote for free silver, a cheap dollar and financial inflation. That it should abandon the policy of assisting our mercantile marine and leave to divine Providence and foreign ships the enlarging of our opportunities for international trade. Not only that, but if Republicans were patriotic they would wink at political intimidation in the south, and welcome ballot-cheating for peace's sake. It is advised that not even the kindly resolutions of "the spider to the fly" be referred to the committee on grievances. It is suggested that the Republican party mugwump itself, slime itself to political perdition, and dog-face its countenance into servile watchfulness of the wishes of that resurrected Democratic dictatorship that howls with Alabama bluster, and if balked again promises blows. This adroit Mephistopheles, smoothing its scowl with a smile, leers into the listening northern ear that its investments will be jeopardized by justice; that the perpetration of political wrongs means safety to property. It appeals to the sordid part of human nature and hopefully indorses the assertion of one of its most conspicuous leaders that "the American people prefer moral rottenness to the semblance of being robbed."

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The fair elections bill, nicknamed the "force" bill, and against the enactment of which are gathered all the Democratic hostiles of the "bad lands" and a few Republican squaw-men who dread diminished rations from the alliance agency, is as necessary a provision for honest elections in the north as in the south. The preposterous dread of negro supremacy is not more menacing to the national welfare than the foreign clanship that makes Kilkenny supreme in the metropolis and changes the political traditions of all New England by the avalanche of the French Canadian vote—a vote that is as plastic and directable as was the peasantry of the middle ages, and like it is petrified by ignorance and guided by superstition. No fair-thinking citizen in any part of this republic wishes to see the control of public affairs shaped by the blinded guidance of the descendants of the Congo or the Gaul, Celt or Dago. Yet any one familiar with the prevalent feeling of the south knows that social ostracism follows any differing from the dominant political opinion; that, in fact, to be a Republican is to be a pariah, and that a dissentant from the Democratic faith commits the unpardonable sin.

† † †

Northern Republicans are not effusive of affection for the negro. They do not wander around anxious to associate with or embrace the unfortunate color. Social equality or social admixture does not follow the desire to be just. Civil rights do not involve or obtain any other than strictly civil rights. There has been conferred on the colored man freedom. The result of the rebellion transferred the ownership by the master to himself. The gift of citizenship wisely or unwisely followed, and the right should be acknowledged or the gift be withdrawn. It is national hypocrisy to offer bread and then juggle by exchanging it for a stone. The south in municipal, state, county and town (or parish) regulates elections in its own way, and by its own methods its manner of accepting or suppressing a vote. Is it also to dominate and control by its dictation in the selection of federal representatives? We have nothing to say and no right to say aught in its local or state management. It becomes our affair, however, if fear of property or life suppresses a vast vote, to the voicing of a few and the selection of a member of congress by the casting of a thousand or three thousand votes while elsewhere it requires thirty thousand. One hundred Democratic votes south of the Potomac are by existing methods made equal in weight and influence to a thousand north of it. The question before the federal senate is not one of senatorial courtesy but of national honor and national justice. J. A.

IT IS PATHETIC to learn, now that Mr. Parnell has been beaten, that Mrs. O'Shea thinks he had better retire.

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THE OLD STATEMENT that an Indian never breaks his word must be taken with a stipulation closely connected with a remarkable natural production of Onondaga county.

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MR. SWINBURNE is a just as well as a sweet soul. He doesn't regret the long life of Mr. Tennyson, any more than the prince of Wales regrets that of his gracious mother.

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THE EDITOR of the Albany *Times* has our sympathy in the loss of the state printing; but he can congratulate himself as a good Democrat that his loss is his dear contemporary's gain.

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IT OCCURS to us that it is well to be charitable. We had neglected to mention it. If you have more than enough money to buy one turkey, send your poor neighbor a little quail on a little toast.

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IN SPEAKING of the frozen bust of the Hudson our poetic contemporary the *World* lays itself open to indictment by the Brooklyn board of trustees; though perhaps the adjective relieves it of some of the awful responsibility.

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THE WIFE and daughter of Murderer Eyraud of Paris have been besieged with offers of marriage. It is sometimes deemed appropriate by delicate persons of matrimonial intentions to wait for the removal of the intervening corpse.

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A CLERGYMAN of Massachusetts took a leading part in a comic opera and made a great success of it. Had he failed all would have been well, but now he is obliged by his shocked and melancholy congregation to vacate his pulpit.

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MARY ANDERSON says she wants nothing more to do with theatrical people. It is not in her gentle nature to say it offensively; but she will remember from her own experience how sensitive theatrical people are, and prepare for the retaliation that theatrical people give.

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IN HIS NOVEL "The Upper Ten" Mr. W. H. Ballou sinks a pretty woman many fathoms deep, and after allowing her to remain submerged several months brings her to life and marriage without any apparent cause for her remarkable survival. It has weighed against us for years that we could not tell a bounteous and rotund lie.

HER SUCCESS WAS ASSURED.

MANAGER—"So you want to become a society actress, do you? Have you any reason to believe that you would make a success?"

MRS. WILDFLOWER—"Oh, I am sure that I would. I have had three very racy divorce suits, and I was one of the principals in a great scandal at Bar Harbor last summer."

CARICATURE THE REWARD OF MERIT.

IF THE garret-bred artists temporarily transplanted from a foreign soil think that it is an ignoble and despicable thing to have a distinguished father, they may be able to carry the point at which they are evidently aiming, and that is to push to the front rank of high esteem and attention the men whose fathers are absolutely unknown to any one.—*T. C. Crawford.*

What is the matter with Mr. Crawford? He objects particularly to the caricature of Mr. Harrison in connection with that gentleman's grandfather's hat. He thinks it is shameful that an honorable family pride should be exaggerated to the point of absurdity—and absurdity is generally the best kind of fun and sometimes the best of wit. It is unnecessary to remark that great men are not born with thin skins. It is equally trite to say that great men are inevitably the objects of satire as well as of respect. The best kind of popularity is that which invites the slings and arrows of the caricaturist. The distinguished-family business is well enough, but it has no right or immunity which does not belong to the undistinguished family. We recall the case of John C. Fremont, whose father was to a considerable extent unknown. The parentage of Abraham Lincoln reflected no credit on that magnificent man. Andrew Johnson was a tailor, and nobody knows anything about his ancestors. One large claim in the campaign of 1880 was that Garfield had been a canal-driver. William Henry Harrison was quite remarkable as a candidate because of a log-cabin and the cheap and vulgar beverage called hard cider. The gentle Mr. Crawford has no cause for his apparent panic. "The men whose fathers are absolutely unknown to any one" have as good a right to be president as anybody else; and it is a very suggestive fact that the caricaturists get after them only when they are big enough to be noticed and are particularly dangerous to the party to which they do not belong.

A READY-MADE CONDUCTOR.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CAR LINE—"You'll have to make a deposit for a uniform."

MCGLUE—"Oi hov wan alriddy as good as new."

SUPERINTENDENT—"All right. Put it on in the morning and come to see me."

MCGLUE (*on time*)—"Oi'd like wan o' th' new cars, sor."

GOOD WINTER WEATHER.

NORTHERN NEW YORK DIALECT.

I NEVER see no sense in findin' fault with the weather. I ben kep' pooty busy tendin' tew small consarns 'n hev left the weather 'n sich things tew Providence. I spose there's a feller daown tew Washin'ton gits paid fur watchin' the weather 'n darned poor work he makes out ef I'm any judge 'n the rest of us won't git a darned cent fur watchin' ont 'n sarves us right tew. Yew cain't allus tell neether whare tew locate the kind of weather what'll suit the folks yure talkin' tew. Frinstance; along in the sixtys I was peddlin' a heart-stirrin' 'n liver-tumblin' pill, wooden boxes twenty-fi' cents twenty-six globules tew the box, up along the Black-river railroad out of Utica. Wall I got off the cars at a leetle town called Alder Crick 'n started back intew the country with a carpet-sack loaded with the infallible soothin' but energetic cathartics. I callated on big sales 'n quick returns. It was sich fine weather, sich a late fall, ground all bare 'n the crows a hollerin' in the hemlocks along the crick 'n not a flake of snow yit in December, most Christmus. When I struck Forestport three miles from Alder Crick it looked like they was a funeral at Boonville 'n everybody was a mourner. Not even a dawg in the street. I rapped at a door 'n never heerd a peep. I opened the door 'n went in. There set the man of the house in one corner 'n he growled out "Git right out o' here, we don't want nuthin' in such goldarned weather as this." "Why," sez I, "this is lovely weather, no snow yit"—— but he riz right up 'n hove a flat-iron at me 'n I dodged 'n lit out. Next door a feller hollered at me out o' winder 'n set his dawg on me. I tried a few more houses but darn me if I could trade a box of pills fur my dinner. The hull town was spell-bound on that open winter. I footed it back tew Alder Crick 'n waited fur the train tew take me out of the country.

"Wait till we git some snow," sez the feller at the deepo; "six munce of snow makes good times up here in the lumber country."

"Wall I jest waited till January 'n sallied out agin. It hed snowed a week stiddy 'n when I got off the cars I borryed a pair of snow-shoes 'n a compass 'n started fur Forestport. Once in a while yew could see the top of a fence post but mostly thar was only chimblys in sight, but in the village wherever thar was a fence-post in sight thar was a feller settin' on top of it bareheaded a smokin' his pipe 'n playin' on an accordiun 'n the snow fallin' so fast that yew couldn't see tew rods 'n every chump I passed yelled out, "Wot yew sellin' old man? waltz right intew the house 'n dew bizness. *This is nice seasonable weather.*"

Blamed ef I didn't locate a box of them bowel-investigators in every house 'n they wanted me tew stay that evenin' tew a dance 'n take a number on a cutter they was goin' tew raffle off 'n business was jest a boomin' with five feet of snow on a level. So I sez desirable weather varies accordin' tew location 'n I spose an Eskimo would kinder pindle aout in Florida, 'n it's all in bringin' up.

A. T. WORDEN.

CUTTING PRAISE.

DORRINGTON—"These accidentals worry me a little, Miss Lutie."
HIS MUSICAL VICTIM—"I think you're doing beautifully. *All* your playing seems to be accidental."

HUM OF THE COURT.

GENERAL Sherman's Indian policy—"Root, hog, or die."

THE NOMINATION of Judge Brown to the supreme bench pleased the *Evening Post;* so that the old year had one miracle on which to pride itself.

HE WAS A SUITOR.

MISS EUNICE—"I *like* camels."
MR. BAWNSO—"Yes?"
EUNICE—"Yes; they're so sort of comfortable, you know. Can I ride on your back?"
MR. BAWNSO—"Well—er—really, now!——, er"——
EUNICE—"I heard papa say last night that you'd got to hump yourself, and I thought I'd speak for first ride."

ALFRED TERRY must have been a great diplomatist as well as a great soldier. His famous sister says he was called upon when young to settle all the family quarrels.

SIX MUGWUMPS can run any large Democratic dinner, and their order to snub any leading Democrat has to be obeyed. It is frequently the tail that wags the dog.

THE PIUTES kill their medicine-man when he loses three patients in succession. If they had any respect for propriety they would reward him munificently if he killed them all off.

CLAIMED that Parnell's eyes were not filled with lime, but mud. Ah, what a difference that makes! And we dare say the heads were cracked with crowbars, not shillelahs.

"NO," SAYS Mrs. Stanley with great firmness; "Henry shall never go to Africa again." It now remains to be seen whether the lady is a bigger man than J. G. Bennett or the king of Belgium.

IT IS THOUGHT by one newspaper that, properly controlled, the farmers' alliance will be a power for good. We have thought the same thing of horse-stealing, but it was never properly controlled.

VICTORIA, though the richest woman in the world, is said to be "provident to the verge of meanness." It is difficult to understand these things, but perhaps she proposes to lay up her treasure in heaven.

THE RESULT OF INTERFERENCE.

JONES—"Why don't Bridget hang this parrot up after she is through cleaning him?"

——"Just like everything else about this house, if I want it done right, I have to do it myself."

——"Ouch! I'll bet Bridget forgot to fasten in the bottom of that cage."

IN CENTRAL PARK.

"THAT bust of Shakespeare ought to be taken from its pedestal and cleaned."

"But that would be doing him an injury."

"How so?"

"People would say that he was 'off his base.'"

THE HUG.

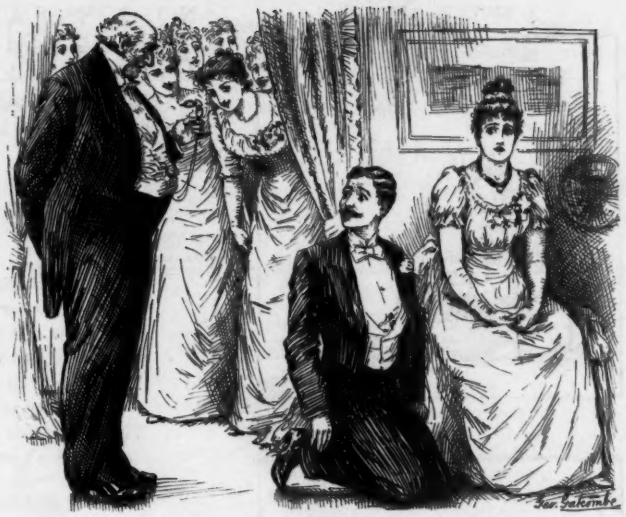
WHENEVER you take out your girl
Upon a sleigh-ride festive,
Be sure to use a bear-skin robe—
You know 'tis so suggestive.

A NATURAL ONE.

Dimmick—"Have you heard of the uprising in Alaska?"

Kickshaw—"No; tell me about it."

Dimmick—"Well, a new volcano has developed itself there."



TRYING TO MAKE A DICKER.

MOLLISON—"I am at a disadvantage, sir. You have surprised me."

THE FATHER OF SEVEN OF THEM—"Don't let a little thing like that worry you, young man. I just came in to see if a ranch in Utah and free transportation would be any object to you to take all I've got."

THE BOY OF IT.

TOM TARTAR.

"LET'S go and hook snow-ap's to-night from Deacon Toogoode's tree."

FRED. FEREFULL.

"I saw some apples on your porch as jolly as could be."

TOM TARTAR.

"Huh! them's no fun; pop *bought* 'em at the grocery for me."

A VOICE FROM THE MEDICAL LIMBO.

"HELLO, there, Koch's lymph! I'm expecting you."

"Who are you?"

"I'm Brown-Sequard's elixir of life."

THE EASTERN IDEA.

Western woman—"I don't care what other people may say, Man-with-a-hole-in-his-stocking is a good Indian."

Eastern friend—"You don't say! When did he die?"

TO A LADY WITH A GLASS EYE.

DRINK to me only with your mouth,
And I will pledge with wine;
Or leave a kiss within *your* cup
And I will stick to mine. H. C. F.

A POOR JOB.

McCorkle—"Jaysmith calls himself a self-made man."

McCrackle—"Well, no one who knows him will dispute the assertion."

NOT TO BE DIVULGED.

Jawkins—"How did you get that black eye?"

Hogg (who has recently had some business in court)—"Oh, that's a secret of the jury-room."

AN UNEXPECTED QUESTION.

Mother—"Clara, how did you stand in your class to-day?"

Clara—"Seventh from head, mamma."

Mother—"Well, I am glad you are doing better. By the way, how many were there in the class?"

Clara (hesitating)—"About seven."

THE GIRL OF IT.

MAMMA.

"WHAT! powder on my little girl I've always taught with care
That it would spoil complexions were they dark or were they fair?"

LITTLE GIRL (*aged twelve*).

"But all the girls just pile it on and laugh 'cause I don't—there!"

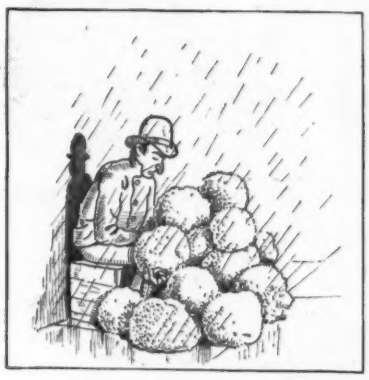
ARISTINE ANDERSON.

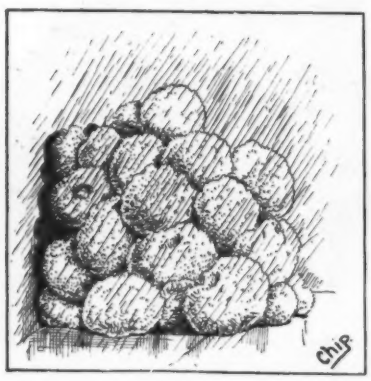
THE DEFEAT OF A CRITIC.

GOLDSBY—"You can go on ahead, Clara. I'll be hanged if I'll walk in the company of a hat like that."

MRS. GOLDSBY (*as the shower showers*)—"Won't you reconsider, Edwin?"

A SWELL AFFAIR.





NO CONSOLATION IN THAT.

"A BOY just ran off with a pie," complained the pastry cook.

"That reminds me of the ancient method of making Corinthian bronze," replied Hunker. "It is a lost tart."

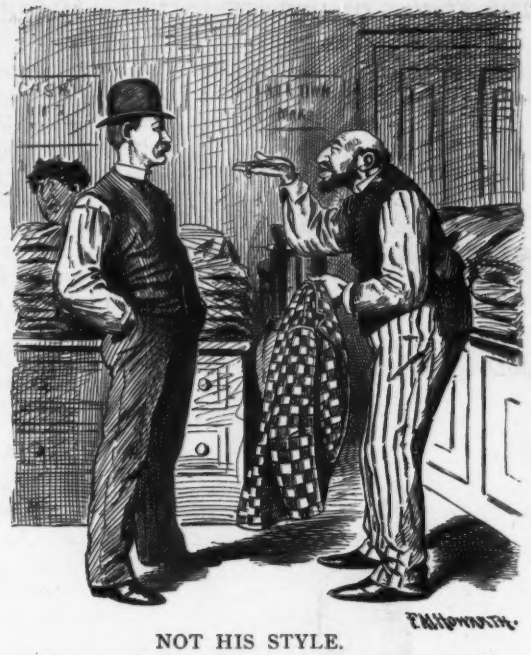
A LITERARY NOTE.

(*Upon Eleanor Kirk's "Periodicals that Pay Contributors."*)

THE "periodicals that pay
Contributors" are all
Grouped in this book, yet the display
Is wondrous thin and small—
E'en though, to eke the volume out
To twenty pages quarto,
The author puts some in, no doubt,
That don't pay what they ought to.

Now I've material enough
For a companion work,
Although the handling of the stuff
The printer well may shirk.
To hold all my materials
Ten volumes would be small
If I gave "periodicals
That never pay at all."

HENRY TYRRELL.



NOT HIS STYLE.

DEALER—"Mein frent, de soot speaks for itself."
CUSTOMER—"I don't wish anything as loud as that."

A RECHERCHE AFFAIR.

"THERE seems to be something going on in the house across the street," said a pedestrian to a policeman.

"Yes," replied the officer, "the friends of 'Red' McCarthy the counterfeiter are presenting him a new set of dies and moulds in honor of his sixtieth birthday."

A NATURAL CONCLUSION.

(*Scene* 1.—A crowded reception. Mr. Talkout and a man conversing in corner. Mrs. Talkout on ottoman craning her neck to listen.)

Mr. Talkout (sagely)—"Well, we must all expect troubles in married life."

The man (provokingly indistinct as to articulation)—"Married life—most respects—abject slavery; why, sir; only yesterday—discovered—my wife—outrageous conduct—perfectly shocked—my own home."

Mr. Talkout (with grave concern)—"You don't tell me so!"

The man—"Fact is—and I began to suspect—mysterious visitor. My wife admitted him—next night and the next—accused her—and denied the whole thing—shameless manner."

Mr. Talkout—"I am surprised she should have the audacity to deny it."

The man—"Point blank, sir. My wife, I am sorry to say, is a woman, who—runs about with all sorts of men—conduct—simply stamps her—thoroughly disreputable—made up my mind—bear it no longer—this morning—ordered her out of the house."

Mr. Talkout (compassionately)—"Well, well; what an experience!"

The man—"—— refused to go, sir—broke glasses—I just said to her—get out; I said get out!—children screamed—sent for a policeman—have to appear in court—terrible!"

(*Scene* 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Talkout on their homeward way.)

Mrs. Talkout—"Dear me; I was so sorry for that poor man to-night!"

Mr. Talkout—"What poor man?"

Mrs. Talkout—"The one who was telling you about his wife. I pointed him out to Mrs. Undabreath, and she was so shocked. She says every one supposed their marriage to be perfectly happy, but when she heard how dreadfully his wife had been acting and that the poor fellow was obliged to call a policeman"——

Mr. Talkout—"Good heavens! you told that to Mrs. Undabreath, the worst gossip and tale-bearer in town?"

Mrs. Talkout—"I don't see why I shouldn't. He said it would be in court"——

Mr. Talkout—"Wretched woman! He wasn't talking of his wife. He was telling me about their drunken cook."

M. S. B.

NEVER PLEASED.

OH, TIME, why so perverse?
You fly when we are glad;
That's bad, but what is worse,
You drag when we are sad.

AN UTTER IMPOSSIBILITY.

LADY—"Boy, will you run after that car and stop it?"
D. M. B.—"I can't run, mum; I'm a messenger boy."

ONE A.M.

BLUFF blows the wind against the panes
And rattle loud the sashes,
In chimney-pots howl weirdest strains,
Or fan the hearthstone ashes;
I mildly doze above a book
That lacks a fetching savor,
Or with a vague and careless look
Watch how the pipe-clouds waver.

Again I view a green-grown vale
Hemmed in by sky and meadow;
I hear the whistle of a quail
Behind some leafy shadow;
And where the silver waters stray
By hedge and rock with laughter.
My willing senses slip away
To follow idly after.

The brown bees revel in the bloom,
The gentler winds are wooing,
And in the cool of thicket gloom
I note a wood-dove cooing;
Till, drunken with the sweet heartache
The shallow brook is singing,
I dream—half drowsy, half awake—
The pipes of Pan are ringing.

Gone now the warmth of summer days.
Grim winter's wand is waving;
Snow-drifts obliterate the ways
The weary cit is braving.
And why should I forsake the town,
Since none may love it better?
Fond girl, it was the blossoms brown
You folded in your letter.

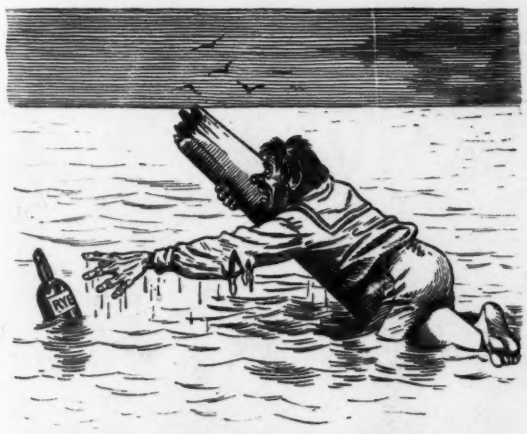
DE WITT STERRY.

ANOTHER WAY OF PUTTING IT.

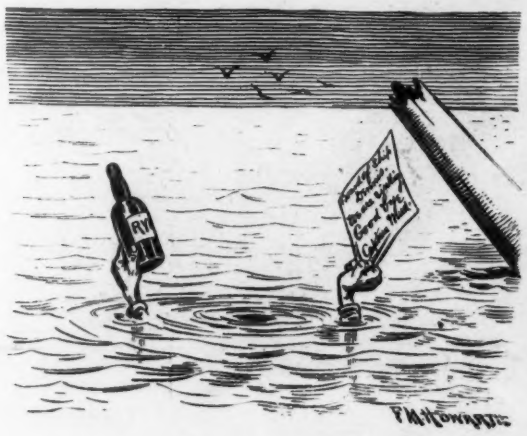
"OH, that's all in your eye," remarked Miss Bleecker in reply to her Boston friend's statement.

"No," replied Miss Emerson; "I do not regard it as an optical illusion."

A BLIGHTED HOPE.



SHIPWRECKED MARINER—"Thank heaven! a drop of that will renew my failing strength."



TOO CROWDED.

"THE neighborhood is getting quite thickly settled," remarked one resident of ward two hundred and forty-five, Chicago, to another.

"Yas," replied the latter; "darn it! I haven't been able to shoot a bear for a week. They're bein' scared off."

THE RHEUM OF INTOXICATION.

Primus—"I can't make out from the papers whether Henley's tragedy was a success or not."

Secundus—"Was it a full house?"

Primus—"It must have been; I see that it wept at his pathos."

A DIFFERENCE.

HUSBAND—"I think I can have this hat blocked so that it will do this winter."
WIFE—"Yes; of course. You are a sensible fellow."
HUSBAND—"And you can make your hat do too by having"—
WIFE—"Indeed! Do you think I will wear a last winter's hat? You are the most foolish man I ever saw."

DID CLEOPATRA PUT CÆSAR IN THE SOUP?

DEAR JUDGE—I find in Plutarch, chapter sixty-two, the following: "Cæsar prevented this; for while Antony made for Actium, which is now called Nicopolis, he crossed the Ionian and seized on Toryne (or Tureene), a place in Epirus. Antony was distressed on finding this, because he was without his infantry; but Cleopatra made a jest of it and asked him if it was so very dreadful a thing that Cæsar was got into the ladle?"* If the popular phrase "He's in the soup" was common in Cleopatra's day then we may well say, "Age cannot wither nor custom stale her infinite variety."

EDWARD GAY.

* In Greek Tureene.

A PERFECT PLAN.

Larkin—"I know the best way to avoid hurricanes at sea."

Sumway—"Well, what is it?"

Larkin—"Remain on the shore."

A THOUGHTFUL GIRL.

WINTER brings me no unrest
Though my money all has flown;
For the girl I love the best
Has a sealskin of her own.

AN AGITATED SIRE.

Father—"Where are the girls going to-night?"

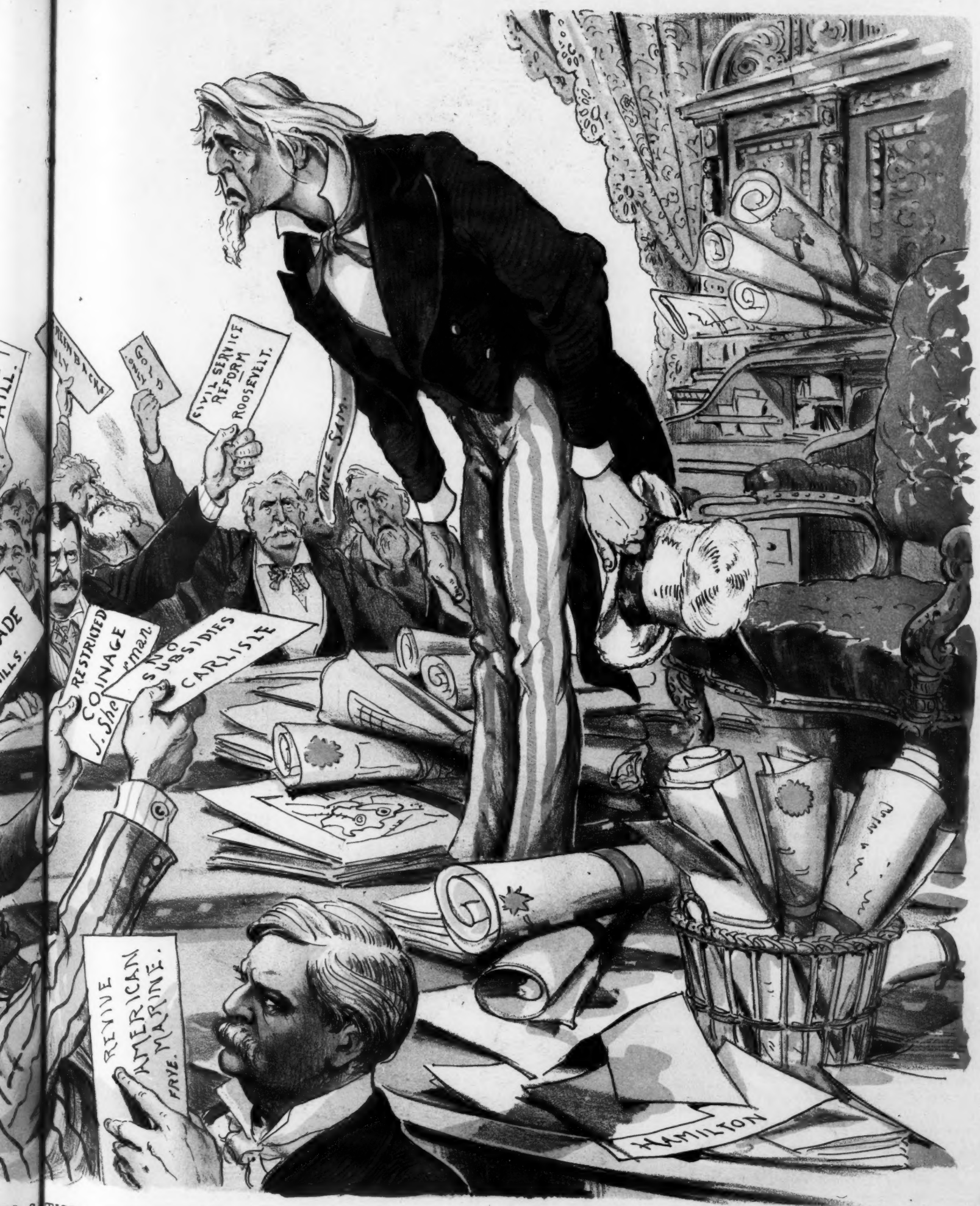
Mother—"There is a rehearsal of 'The Messiah,' I believe."

Father (sharply)—"Has that infernal ghost-dance craze come east?"

SOCIETY ITEM.

Mr. Hungry Higgins, the well-known traveler, has received the attentions of the upper circles during the past week.

IT IS HARD TO SATIS



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But, oh! it is a bore
To try to ring the changes on
A theme wrung dry before.
I sprain my cerebellum with
The funniest I can do—
Then think who wrestled just as hard
When this old joke was new.

I stand the oyster on its head
I scan each ancient scar
To find a new, fresh spot to stick
That sempiternal r.
But, ah! the task it is too 'rd.
In vain is all my stew—
I wonder had they months at all
When this old joke was new.

And so it is with all the rest
That comes the comic way;
No doubt it all was funny once,
But it has seen its day.
Mayhap the cankered ma-in-law
Was still amusing to
Our anthropoid progenitors
When this old joke was new.

The thirteen-hundred "ton" of coal,
The safe-deposit ice,
The night-pervading carpet-tack,
The hose-astounded mice,
The can-can of the caper, and
The she Chicago shoe—
Perhaps Rameses cracked a smile
When these old jokes were new.

But there's a joke among them all
That goes from bad to worse
The more I try to ring the change—
My paragraphic purse.
Did Cadmus's self, I wonder, find
That letters wouldn't do,
And—bless—the publishers as hard,
When *this* old joke was new?

C. F. LUMMIS.

A BARGAIN.

WIFE—"What do you think of that waterproof? I bought it down at Lacey's at the bargain sale on account of the fire."

HUSBAND—"Is it damaged much by fire?"

WIFE—"Not at all by the fire; only damaged by the water."

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"I'M A HILL, sir! the oldest family in America."

"I never heard of the Hill family being among those of ancient lineage."

"What! never heard of the proverb 'As old as the Hills'?"

HIS FATE.

"HERE'S an account of a robber who fell down the chimney of a Brooklyn boarding-house right into the grate-fire and lay there for half an hour before he was discovered."

"I suppose he was burned to a crisp?"

"No; he was frozen stiff."

A QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE.

Dudley—"Hold on, Singleton; nobody shall act for Miss Barrett in this emergency but myself."

Singleton—"On what grounds do you interfere, sir?"

Dudley—"Miss Barrett promised to be my wife last night, sir."

Singleton—"Well, sir, and she promised to be my wife three years ago."

ONE OF THOSE WOODENY CHILDREN.

MRS. PLEASANTON—"What a natural-looking doll! It looks almost as if it could speak."

THE DOLL—"Wow-ow-wow-wow!"

THE CUSTODIAN—"Please, ma'am, it's my little brother Jamesey."

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Those who make friendship a passion lose neither force nor principal, inasmuch as the perfect culmination of such tendencies will make passion a friendship.

KATHRINE GROSJEAN.

STRATEGY

Primus—"Dawson complains that the daily papers copy everything from his new comic weekly and don't give credit."

Secundus—"Well, what's he going to do about it?"

Primus—"He's going to change the name of his paper to *Exchange*."

O'ROONEY GET'S THERE.

MRS. O'ROONEY—"Shure, Mrs. Finucane, the ould man's tuk advantage av the frost an' got a day off, an' The O'Rooney bein' a clever man entoirely, has made an illigant sledge for the twins an' me out av his whalebarrer."

Johnson—"Better be careful with your saw. If not, you'll run into a nail." *Jackson*—"Oh, I don't care how I use this saw. It isn't mine." *Johnson*—"Whose is it?" *Jackson*—"Yours."—*Yankee Blade.*

Tuffer—"How was the boxing exhibition; a good show?" *Slugger*—"First-rate." *Tuffer*—"Any marked features in the entertainment?" *Slugger*—"You'd say so if you saw some of the fellows that got hit."—*Chicago Globe.*

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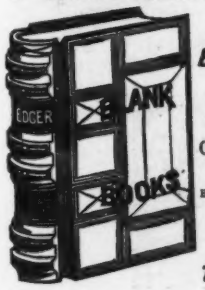

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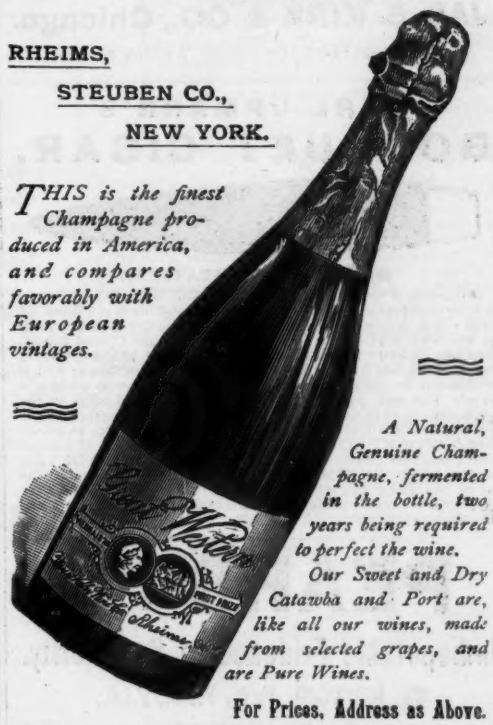

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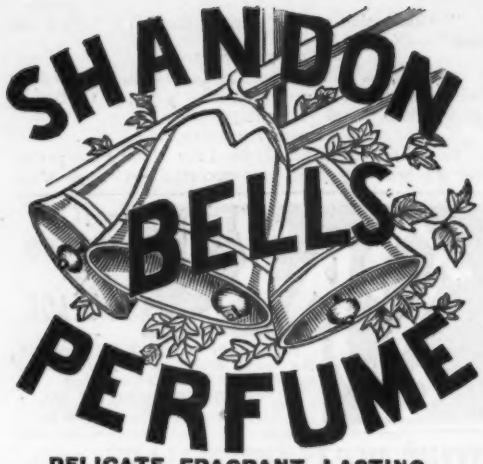

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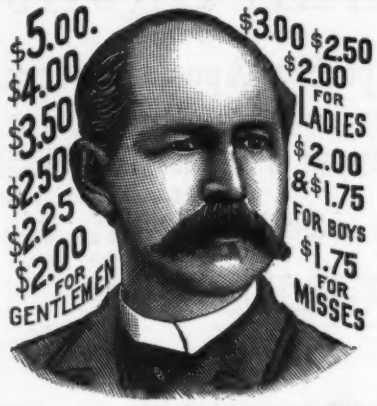

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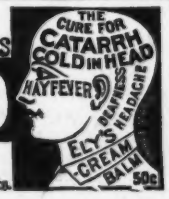

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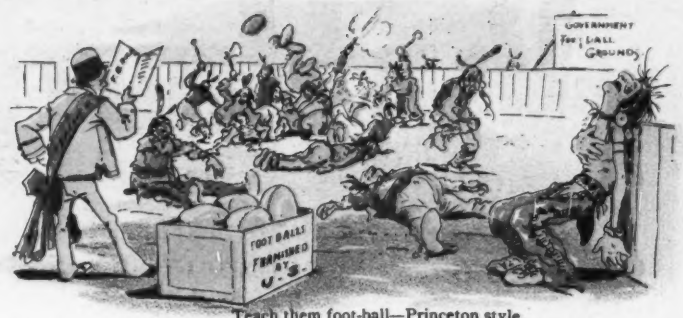

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